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SUBJ: GOG CABINET RESHUFFLE

1. GOG HAS ANNOUNCED MINOR CABINET RESHUFFLE AFFECTING FIVE MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT, PRINCIPAL EFFECT OF WHICH IS TO ELEVATE FINANCE MINISTER PAUL MOUKAMBI TO RANK OF MINISTER OF STATE AND TO GIVE HIM BROAD COORDINATING ROLE IN FIELD OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.
2. IN NEW ALIGNMENT, FORMER LABOR MINISTER JEROME OKINDA MOVES UP TO TAKE OVER FINANCE PORTFOLIO; FULBERT BONGOTHA MOVES FROM HEALTH TO LABOR; ETIENNE MOUVAGHA MOVES FROM MINISTER-COUNSELOR AT PRESIDENCY TO HEALTH; AND JACQUES OVONO-MEZU CHANGES TITLE BUT RETAINS ESSENTIALLY SAME RESPONSIBILITIES FOR MANAGING GOG SHARES IN VARIOUS PARASTATAL AND PRIVATE SECTOR COMPANIES. MOUVAGHA'S FORMER POST AT PRESIDENCY TAKEN OVER BY JEAN-FRANCOIS NTOUTOUME, BUT LATTER NOT ACCORDED CABINET RANK.
3. GOG-CONTROLLED DAILY PRESS BULLETIN EXPLAINED THAT MOUKAMBI WILL RETAIN DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL MATTERS IN ADDITION TO ACTING AS "SUPER-MINISTER- IN OVERALL FINANCIAL FIELD, WHILE OKINDA WILL "MANAGE PUBLIC FINANCE ON NATIONAL LEVEL."

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4. COMMENT: MOUKAMBI EVIDENTLY REMAINS MAN FOR US TO DEAL

WITH ON EX-IM AND OTHER ASPECTS OF U.S. FINANCING, WHILE LESS-  
QUALIFIED OKINDA WILL MIND THE STORE ON DOMESTIC FRONT UNDER  
MOUKAMBI'S OVERALL DIRECTION. STEIGMAN

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